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Casey on press

Sophia Casey, widow of CIA director William Casey, appeared on national television this past weekend to blast one member of the press in particular, Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward. It was Mr. Woodward who claimed last year that he conducted an exclusive deathbed interview with Mr. Casey in which the CIA chief

said he knew of the diversion of U.S. funds to the Nicaraguan resistance forces, otherwise known as the Iran-Contra affair. Mrs. Casey, in an interview last September with CBS, charged that the Woodward interview with her husband never took place, and labeled the journalist's claim an "outright lie ... an invented story."

Mr. Woodward appeared on CNN's Larry King Live one night last week and for the umpteenth time defended his alleged exclusive. One reason was to promote his book, "VEIL: The Secret Wars if the CIA. 1981-1987," which is now being published in paperback. Mrs. Casey caught wind of the show and requested equal air time, which Mr. King gladly provided Friday night.

This time she summed up her feelings for Mr. Woodward with these words — "a jerk."

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